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Lipid-Regulating Agents )

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Preliminary Amendment

Dear Sir:

This is in reply to the Office Action of September 21, 2001.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 2 and 4-6.

Please amend claim 1 to read as follows:

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1. (twice amended) A composition consisting essentially of a fibrate dissolved in  
at least one oil with one or more emulsifiers, selected from the group consisting of  
polyoxyethylene sorbitan fatty acid derivatives, sorbitan fatty acid derivatives, polyoxyl-  
35-castor oil, castor oil ethoxylates, hydrogenated castor oil ethoxylates, polyglycerol  
esters of fatty acids, fatty acid ethoxylates, alcohol ethoxylates, polyoxyethylene-  
polyoxypropylene co-polymers, polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene block co-polymers,  
d-alpha tocopheryl polyethylene glycol 1000 succinate and combinations thereof  
wherein the resulting mixture forms an emulsion upon dilution with an aqueous phase.